

gave much of his life to serving the public when former Senator Brock Adams passed away following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Today, his family and friends are gathered to remember his life and legacy—and it is truly a long legacy—from fighting for civil rights to protecting the environment to standing up for people suffering from AIDS.

Brock made his commitment to public service clear early in his life by serving as student body president at the University of Washington. It was not long afterwards that he became the youngest United States attorney in the entire Nation.

Over the course of his career, Brock would go on to serve the people of Washington State in the House of Representatives and ultimately in the Senate. He also served the country, as President Jimmy Carter's Secretary of Transportation. His accomplishments in that role are epitomized by his work to help create Amtrak.

Brock will be long remembered for hard work on behalf of Washington and the Nation. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Betty and the rest of his family during this sad time.

AMERICAN YOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise to commend and congratulate the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra of Annandale, VA on its fortieth anniversary.

The cultural and political history of the United States has changed dramatically over the last five decades. During that time, however, the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras have provided a vital service for young musicians throughout northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. The 2004–05 concert season will commemorate the 40th year in which the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras have trained new generations of children, teenagers, and young adults to become extraordinary musicians. To give an example of the marvelous impact that this institution has had, over 100 public and private schools from Washington's metropolitan area are represented within the orchestra's current enrollment. The students of the American Youth Philharmonic constantly strive for excellence in their performances; such preparation increases the chance that they will seek to make a positive impact on our society, whether through the arts or other endeavors.

With a group of approximately 400 students, the orchestra has represented Virginia and the District of Columbia with distinction in the performances at the Kennedy Center, the Festival of Youth Orchestras, and the Spoleto Festival in South Carolina. Remembering this Nation's tragic losses on September 11, 2001, the Philharmonic performed a touching concert, entitled "The Spirit of Freedom," at New

York's Carnegie Hall in January 2002. In addition to their exceptional performances in the United States, the American Youth Philharmonic was a dignified cultural ambassador for this country at the International Rachmaninoff Festival in Russia, the Aberdeen International Youth Festival in Scotland, and the British Festival of Youth Orchestras. The young men and women of the orchestra have offered the diplomatic language of music to our friends abroad, and they deserve to be recognized for their efforts.

If we were to gauge the success of the American Youth Philharmonic by the rate at which its students are accepted to the best musical and educational schools in the United States, we would see that the American Youth Philharmonic is unrivaled in its training of our Nation's best and brightest. Members of the American Youth Philharmonic have continued their study of music at the Oberlin Conservatory, the Juilliard School, Carnegie Mellon, and the Cleveland Institute of Music, while others proudly accepted offers to Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and the University of Southern California, to name a few.

Beyond the beauty of the sound generated in their performances, the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras have given their time and service to the surrounding communities of Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. The American Youth Philharmonic created a music mentorship program that trains designed high-school members to offer free tutoring to younger musicians in the area. In this way, the students of the orchestra are able to strengthen their own abilities as teachers while providing an enriching experience to those who are limited by financial circumstances or their special needs. Recognizing the value of this community service, the First Place Arts Council of Fairfax County, VA recognized the American Youth Philharmonic with the Arts for Special Audiences Award in 2000.

We must also credit the constant dedication of Maestro Luis Haza for the brilliance of the American Youth Philharmonic. Mr. Haza has given 20 years of service to this ensemble in addition to his 29 years of ongoing performance as a violinist with the esteemed National Symphony Orchestra. Born in Santiago, Cuba, Mr. Haza was honored with a Washington Immigrant Achievement Award in 2004, and he truly demonstrates a commitment to the values of democracy and freedom on which this country was founded. While Mr. Haza has shared his talent for musical direction with the London Symphony Orchestra, our own National Symphony Orchestra, and the national orchestras of Panama, El Salvador, and Guatemala, his passion for music is never more evident than in his direction of the American Youth Philharmonic. Mr. Haza has dedicated a lifetime to sharing the gift of music with young people throughout the

Americas, and his legacy to this country will be reflected in the values of his students for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING GEORGE BRUNSTAD

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I congratulate one of my Connecticut constituents, George Brunstad, on an extraordinary achievement. A few weeks ago, George, a resident of Ridgefield, became the oldest person to swim across the English Channel.

George, who celebrated his 70th birthday on August 25, began his record-breaking swim three days later when he left Dover, England shortly after 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 28. He reached Sangatte, on the French coast, after midnight on Sunday, completing the 21-mile stretch in 15 hours and 59 minutes. Prior to George, the oldest person to swim the Channel was Clifford Batts, who was about 100 days shy of his 68th birthday.

Let me tell my colleagues a little about George Brunstad. He is a retired Air Force pilot who flew B-52 bombers. For 20 years, he piloted jumbo jets for American Airlines. Currently, he is a swim coordinator for children at the YMCA in Wilton, CT, where he is affectionately known as "Grandpa George." George and his wife Judy are active members of the Wilton Baptist Church, where George serves as a Deacon. For 20 years, George has been associated with Pivot Ministries, a group that helps men who are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.

While George was on the swim team in college, he had been away from the sport for 20 years before he saw a sign at the Wilton YMCA advertising competitive swimming for adults. That was 31 years ago, and George Brunstad hasn't stopped swimming since. He is a World Masters Open Water Swimming Champion and has won more than 100 national championship medals in U.S. Masters Swimming.

But George Brunstad's feat last month was much more than an athletic achievement. Last year, George and Judy traveled on a mission to the island nation of Haiti with their church. They were appalled by the incredible poverty that continues to afflict that nation. They were particularly saddened by the large numbers of homeless children they saw in Haiti. And they decided to do what they could to help those children.

George and Judy are founding members of the board of directors of the Center of Hope, an organization devoted to building an orphanage and school in the Haitian city of Hinche. Hinche has 80,000 people, most of whom are desperately poor and lack basic needs like clean water, shelter, medical care, transportation, and education.

George decided that his swim across the Channel would be a perfect way to raise money for the Center of Hope. In total, he managed to raise over \$11,000. As someone who has been to Haiti numerous times, and as a Senator who